



CITY OF BRUNSWICK

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING NOTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008, 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL—Johnson, Biser, Allgaier, Stull, Bruchey, Smith—all present

MAYOR'S REMARKS

January 8, 2008 meeting was long, therefore staff reports and approval of minutes will take place this evening, rather than at last meeting.

Old Wastewater Treatment Plant is being shut down this evening, and new plant is being started, therefore Pat Hoffmaster and Mike Campbell will not be in attendance this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Closed Meetings—December 6 & 20, 2007

Finance Committee—December 6, 2007

Mayor and Council—December 11, 2007

Mayor and Council Workshop—December 20, 2007

Motion to approve—Stull

2nd—Biser

Vote 6-0

STAFF REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jack Whitmore—Planning & Zoning

Report attached.

Al Danaher—Public Works

Report attached.

Chief Smith—Police

Report attached.

Mayor briefly gives overview of Water and Wastewater Reports in place of Pat Hoffmaster and Mike Campbell. Reports attached.

Code Enforcement–Walt Stull gives in place of Dave Dunn. Report attached.

Recreation Report–Walt Stull gives in place of Geri Reynolds. Report attached.

View Engineering–Rick Travers
Report attached.

Lunar New Year Proclamation

Mayor Jones reads proclamation and presents to Judy Cheng, CPL Youth Center and organizer of Lunar New Year Event.

Mayor reviews procedures of Mayor and Council meetings: citizen comments, length of comments, Council deliberations, etc. Council meetings must be kept in order.

CITIZENS' FORUM

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

Driveway Entrance Request–108 Central Avenue–tabled from last meeting.

Mayor gives overview of events that took place at last meeting. Notes Zoning ordinance states that dwellings will have two spaces per unit for off-street parking. If there is a general consensus that Design Manual needs modified, Council can decide to do so. Currently, Design Manual does allow for two driveways per residence.

Johnson–Questions if there is parking allowed on both sides of Central Avenue.

Chief–Parking is allowed on both sides.

Biser–Does feel that Design Manual should be modified, so this issue doesn't keep coming up. Would be in favor of Traffic Control Request detailing no parking between alley and driveway of this home. There are other solutions to drainage issue applicant is claiming would be solved through driveway installation.

Allgaier–Has reviewed situation many times since last meeting. Believes car port at residence can accommodate two cars. Also believes water problem can be solved a different way. Does believe Council should review Design Manual.

Stull–Believes this driveway should be approved, then Design Manual be amended.

Bruchey–Not in favor of approving driveway, but does agree Design Manual should be reviewed.

Smith–Design Manual does need changed, but is just a reference to go by. Council should have authority to use common sense in any situation. Does not believe driveway should be approved because it takes away from public parking. Normally believes homeowners should be able to use their property for their own wishes, but believes this is taking away City property.

Pat Eshbaugh–119 Central Avenue–Believes there is too much parking on Central for cars to drive safely. Believes there should be no parking between alley and driveway. In support of driveway since two more cars will be off of street.

Jane Shafer–108 Central Avenue property owner–Still feels they should be able to have a driveway if they wish. Residents in the area park on Central Avenue with expired tags, and off-street parking is available to others. Residents that were opposed to this driveway don't even live on Central Avenue, they live on Brunswick Street.

John Shafer–108 Central Avenue property owner–Addresses water issue at residence in question with Council. Would like Council to take care of water issue. Feels a driveway might not be needed if water run-off wasn't an issue.

Rita Webber–Long-time Brunswick resident. In support of driveway at this residence.

Mayor–Design Manual has been in place since 2000. It is impossible to create a document that will address every situation ahead of time. Issues will come up and it is the Council's job to hash them out.

Smith–Motion to establish a policy and give direction to staff that existing homes must follow same zoning guidelines as New Construction

2nd–Biser

Smith withdraws motion.

Smith–Motion to deny driveway, as it removes public parking spaces

2nd–Stull

Vote 4-2 (Johnson, Stull opposed)

Motion to make area from driveway to alley no parking–Biser

2nd–Smith

Vote 6-0

Motion to institute, as a matter of policy, residential units each have two off-street parking spaces and direct staff to make recommendation to change Design Manual –Smith

Smith withdraws motion.

Motion to direct staff to include this matter in list of items for this Design Manual update and in the mean time, follow guidelines established in Design Manual for only one driveway per dwelling unit–Biser

2nd–Stull

Vote 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

Trick-or-Treat Date Approval

Motion to approve date of Oct. 25, 2008–Stull

2nd–Bruchey

Vote 5-0, Smith absent at time of vote

Brunswick Self Storage Water Line Conditional Acceptance–Jim Castle

Staff report attached. Staff recommends acceptance with conditions listed.

Motion to approve–Stull

2nd–Allgaier

Vote 6-0

Brunswick Self Storage Reduction of Water Line Letter of Credit–Jim Castle

Staff report attached. Staff recommends reduction of 100% of guarantee.

Motion to approve–Smith

2nd–Allgaier

Vote 6-0

Brunswick Self Storage Jaynie’s Way Conditional Street Acceptance–Jim Castle

Staff report attached. Staff recommends acceptance with conditions listed.

Motion to approve–Smith

2nd–Stull

Vote 6-0

Brunswick Self Storage Reduction of Street Letter of Credit–Jim Castle

Staff report attached. Staff recommends reduction of 100% of guarantee.

Motion to approve–Bruchey

2nd–Smith

Vote 6-0

Approved By: Paul J. Stull

Mayor

2/19/08
Date

Witnessed By: David D. Dunn

City Administrator

2/19/08
Date